

ROVING FOR CURIOSITIES.

A VESSEL COLLECTING SPECIMENS
FROM ROUND THE WORLD.She is on Her Way to the Pacific
From the Southern
Seas.

A most unique vessel is now on her way to San Francisco en route for Alaska, says a late San Francisco Call. On her return to South Haven, Mich., she will be placed on the great lakes as a floating museum. Dr. W. C. Ransome, who was formerly court physician to King Kalakoua of Hawaii, is the promoter of the scheme and he expects to make a big success of it.

In order to create this museum a collection of curiosities and specimens is necessary, and these are being gathered in all parts of the world. The vessel in which the cruise is being made was built in 1885 and was for a time in the grain trade on the lakes. She is 141 feet long, 27 feet wide and carries 300 tons of salt ballast. There is ample accommodation for the party of twenty who will make the voyage around the world in her.

Each member of the party was required to fit up his own stateroom, and, to become a member of the expedition, had to subscribe for at least five shares, valued at \$100 each, and pledge his services to the exclusive use of the company for three years. Time is given, however, for each member of the expedition to make a small private collection for his own use.

Of the party Dr. Ransome is the chief navigator and personal director. He is accompanied by his wife, who will chaperone the party. Everything necessary to collection of specimens and the study of the lands and people of countries visited was taken along.

The voyage is to embrace all the historical points in Europe and Asia, but the bulk of the time is to be spent in the Southern Seas. There the specimens of greatest interest are to be found. Japan will be explored, and then Alaska will be thoroughly ransacked for its treasures. Going to and returning from Sitka the party will stop at San Francisco. From here they will go to South America and will make a 200-mile tour up the Amazon. Thence they will go to the West Indies and home. Only three experienced sailors outside of the captain and first mate are on board, and all the hard work of the cruise outside of the cooking will be performed by the men and women of the party.

COREA.

The U. S. S. Petrel has arrived at Chemulpo, and the Machias at Shanghai.

Prince Lebanoff is expected to return to St. Petersburg on account of the Korean trouble. It is official opinion in St. Petersburg that the Powers already allied and intervening between China and Japan should take over the Korean affairs from the Japanese.

The Paris Soleil says the Powers and Russia in particular, cannot allow Japan to establish a string of protectorates in Corea. The Figaro says: The Koreans do not want the Japan yoke. Japan is in a nasty position. Her policy has received a check from which it will have difficulty in recovering.

The Crown Prince, who was with the Queen when she was assassinated, has secretly conveyed a description of the assassins, which wing them to be Japanese.

A colonel of the bodyguards says he saw the rioters burn the Queen's body, but a dispatch from Seoul to Yokohama says the body has been found.

The Herald's St. Petersburg correspondent has it from excellent sources that Russia is inclined to allow Japan a free hand in Corea.

Prince Pah of Corea, now in Washington, says the Queen's death is a blessing to Corea.

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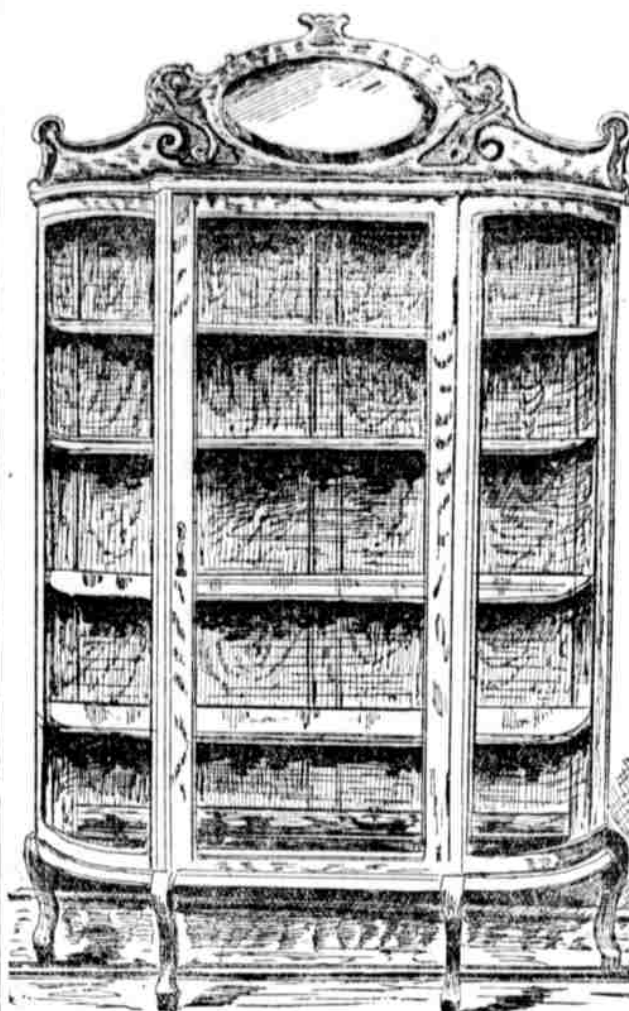
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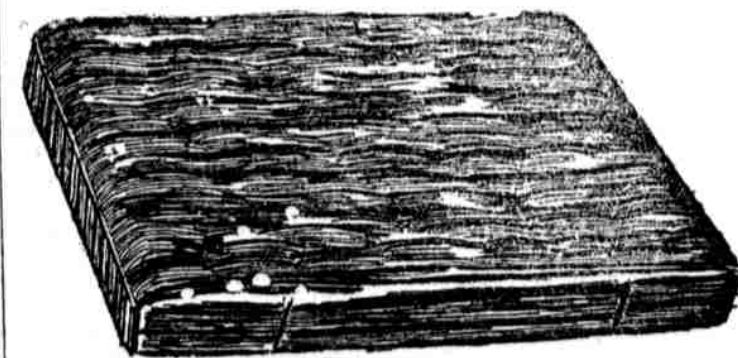
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